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**TE THE Steamship**  
**FOR SHANGHAI**  
**WEST STANLEY**  
 Asbury, Master, will be dispatched for the above  
 Port **TO-DAY**, the 3rd instant, at 3 P.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & Co.**  
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1878. [572]  
**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.**  
 Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates  
 for Amoy, Ningpo, and Ports in JAPAN.  
**THE Company's Steamship**  
**"GLAUCUS"**  
 will be dispatched **TO-DAY**, the 3rd instant,  
 at 4 P.M.  
 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**  
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1878. [531]  
**PLANOFORE TUNING.**

**M. R. A. HAHN** begs to announce to his

LY. Patrons that he has changed his Residence from Froya East to No. 19, HOLLYWOOD Road, and that he may be left, or at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1878. [m574]

**SUPERIOR WHITE CRYSTALS,** manufactured by the ORIGINAL SUGAR REFINERY, can now be had in Tins of 10 or 14 lbs., or in larger quantities to suit Europeans, on application to  
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1878. [555]

**DENTAL NOTICE.**

**D**R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from

April 15th to April 16th  
HONGKONG, 4th March, 1878. [19]

**TUITION IN GERMAN.**  
LADIES and Gentlemen wishing instruction  
in the GERMAN LANGUAGE may  
receive information by applying to the  
Address to A.X. Office of this Paper.  
HONGKONG, 2nd April, 1873. [1m373]

**PIANOFORTE TUNING.**

**M. J. BUCHANAN, BANDMASTER,**  
of Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders, begs  
to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he  
will be in attendance at the PIANOFORTES  
during his stay in the Colony.  
Address to Murray Barracks.  
HONGKONG, 14th March, 1878. [1m461]

**INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,**  
YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.  
This Hotel, pleasantly situated on the Bund,  
commands an extensive view of the harbour, and  
having been entirely REBUILT, offers every  
comfort for the Traveller and the Family.

**W. H. HENRIQUES & Co.,**  
Proprietors.

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**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE Steamship**  
"ARHATOON APCAR"  
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargoes by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impounding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**DAVID SASSOON, SONE & Co., Agents.**  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1875. [w57]

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE Steamship**  
"ARGYLL."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature to the Underigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expenses.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1878. [1w570]

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FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE

**The Steamer "OXFORDSHIRE"**

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Underigned, whence "from the Boats delivery may be taken.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Japan unless notice be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Goods undelivered after the 7th instant will be charged with rent.

Freight Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st April, 1878. [1w561]

**CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "ESMERALDA" from Manila, are**

and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1878. [550  
FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

**T**HE Steamship "EGERIA"  
Johnansen, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence "or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optimal Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, and those waiting to the contrary is given before p.m. To-DAY.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th April, will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1878. [1568

INCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship  
CALSHIP  
from San Francisco & San Pedro requested to  
attend in their Bills of Lading for Counterparties  
and to take immediate delivery of their  
Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will  
be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and ex-  
pense.

G. B. SMORY  
Agent.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1878. [15-50  
FROM SINGAPORE AND LONDON.

THE Steamship  
"GLENDALES".

Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are informed that their Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the Godowns of the  
Undersigned: whence from the Wharves or  
Godowns delivery may be taken.

Optimal Cargo will be forwarded to Shang-  
hai unless notice be given before 11 o'clock T.O.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th April will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
—Hongkong, 30th March, 1878. [541]



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Hongkong, 24 October, 1877.

## ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE, 1865.

CAPITAL, \$700,000, IN 1,400 SHARES OF \$500 EACH.

CONSISTING COMMITTEE.

To be elected at the First Meeting of the Shareholders.

GENERAL MANAGERS, Messrs. H. K. LEE & Co.

AGENTS AT SWATOW, Messrs. CRAIG & Co.

BANKERS, THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

SOLICITOR, WM. H. BRERETON, Esq.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the Business of Sugar Refining under the Waterfall-Potential and also the Business of Sugar Refining, Manufacturers, and Sugar Dealers generally at Hongkong and Swatow.

By the Waterfall process the molasses and other impurities are speedily and inexpensively removed, leaving the residuum a fine Sugar fit for domestic use or for exportation to any part of the world. It is highly valued and sought after by Chinese and European customers. These Sugars are perfectly odorless, and retain their color and high saccharine qualities for any length of time, and they are not liable to absorb moisture.

It is intended that the new Company shall take over the ground and buildings at Hongkong, now occupied by the Oriental Sugar Refinery, with the Plant and Machinery therein. The ground, which has a water frontage of nearly 200 feet, comprises nearly two acres. The Buildings and Works are quite new and in complete order, capable of refining about 1,000 tons of raw Sugar. It is also intended to take over the ground and premises belonging to the Company at Swatow in China, with the valuable Plant and Machinery therein. The last mentioned ground contains about 15 acres, with excellent water frontage, and is extremely well situated for carrying on the Company's works. The works and buildings are yet unfinished; when completed they will be capable of refining about 100 tons of raw Sugar daily. They will be finished by the end of the current season, or about the 1st of December next.

The Proprietors of the Oriental Sugar Refinery have agreed to sell the whole of their Property in Hongkong and Swatow to the Company for \$500,000, which \$250,000 will be taken in shares, subject only to a share of profits, by way of Royalty, to be paid to the Proprietors for the sole right of using the Patent in Hongkong and Swatow. Of the balance of the capital, \$250,000 will be applied in finishing the Company's premises at Swatow, leaving the remaining \$100,000 available for working the Business.

It is intended to distribute the profits in the following manner: Twelve per cent. for interest on capital, will in the first instance be annually paid to the shareholders, seven per cent. will be written off the annual valuation of Plant and five per cent. will be written off the annual valuation of the Buildings, which together will form the Company's reserve fund to meet depreciation in Plant and Buildings. The surplus after these deductions will be distributed as follows:—viz., two-thirds thereof will be divided pro rata amongst the Shareholders, by way of dividend, and the remaining one-third will be paid to the Proprietors.

The Company will be managed by the firm of H. K. LEE & Co. of Hongkong, as General Agents, who will have the management of the Company's Affairs, and will be assisted by the Shareholders, assisted by a competent staff, Messrs. Craig & Co. of Swatow will be the Agents of the Company at that place.

The Company has secured the services of a thoroughly experienced Refiner and Chemist from the works of the famous Ducruet, the agent Sugar Refiner of Clyde Works, London.

The Refinery in Hongkong is now in full working order, and will be handed over to the Company on the 31st day of March instant.

The Company purchasing the Oriental Sugar Refinery will take the business as it stands, together with all the engagements and contracts already entered into, comprising arrangements for the purchase of Raw Sugar, and Disposition of the finished product in the various markets.

The Oriental Sugar Refinery, Limited, will have the advantage of a choice of markets. The Patent Sugars made with ready sale at remunerative prices, in Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, America, and Australia. Whilst the five trade is being steadily developed. In fact the Sugar trade in China is now in its infancy, and of the future success there can be no doubt.

The favorable terms upon which the Company have been offered the property and sold right to use the Patent are alike a source of security to the Shareholders and a proof of the confidence of the Shareholders and capital have organized the business.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association may be inspected at the Office of the Company, together with the following Agreements, viz:—

1.—An Agreement of the 26th of September, 1877, made between Messrs. King on behalf of the Oriental Sugar Refinery, and the Hongkong and Swatow of the one part, and Robert Craig, Esq., and on behalf of the Company of the other part, whereby the party of the first part agreed to sell to the Company, the above-mentioned premises.

2.—An Agreement of the 25th of March, 1878, made between Messrs. King on behalf of the one part, and Messrs. King on behalf of the other part, whereby the said William King, Esq., on behalf of the one part, agreed to sell to the Company, the above-mentioned premises.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—

\$150 per share on application for allotment.

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Applications for shares will be received up to 10th day of April, 1878.

Forms of application for Shares and Receipts for Deposit may be obtained from the Applicant after being signed by the Bankers.

No. Received this day of 1878, of the sum of \$150 being a deposit of \$150 per share on Shares in "The Oriental Sugar Refinery, Limited."

For The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.

Cashier.

## NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned having become LESSEES of the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" and the Business connected therewith, will conduct the same on his own account from this date.

E. CHATTEAUFORT WILCOX.

Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 26, 1878.

We observe that the Japan Gazette refers to considerable length in a leading article to the discussion at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on the currency question. After summarizing the leading points in the speeches of the Hon. P. BYRRIE and Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP, our Yokohama contemporary proceeds to remark:—

"It is to be hoped that the Hongkong community will be successful in their efforts to found an institution which will be a benefit not only to that colony but to the whole of China, and in a less but still to a great degree to the commerce of Japan. Any thing leading towards the superseding of the abominable Mexican as the standard of exchange in the Far East should be hailed with pleasure."

It is well to see that in Shanghai, Yokohama, and Singapore, as well as in this Colony, the revival of the Hongkong Mint is advocated. The evils arising from the present mixed coinage are so widely felt that the proposed establishment of a British Mint either here or in Singapore is universally regarded with favour. So much has been written on the subject, and the necessity for some reform in the currency so frequently and forcibly demonstrated, that it is superfluous now to reiterate any of the numerous arguments used in support of the Mint. We only trust that the question will not be allowed to fall out of sight, but that the local Government will take it up and do all that is possible to obtain the sanction of the Imperial Government for the revival of the Mint in Hongkong.

We note that Mr. CONRAD ALABASTER, in his report for 1876 on trade at Amoy, mentions as a fact which does not appear to have been generally known, namely, that considerable quantities of native opium are produced in the neighbourhood of that port. He says that this is done with the cognisance and under the authority of the mandarins, who levy a tax upon it. The Amoy drug is, however, like the rest of the native opium, so much inferior to the foreign product that it does not seriously affect the sale of the latter. It is mixed with Indian opium, and consumed in that manner, but otherwise probably could not command a sale at any price. It is impossible to say what effect the Imperial edict against the cultivation of the poppy may have on its growth in Fokien; but it is probable that the reforming Fatsui, Tira Jin-chang, may, on his return to Fokien, undertake a crusade against it, unless, indeed, he happens to be a smoker himself.

We are glad to observe that Mr. ALABASTER treats the opium question in a commonsense manner that is more commendable of the action of the anti-opium agitators in Great Britain than a whole volume of argument. He says:—"As regards the moral question, there are still instances of ruin to be seen distinctly attributable to opium; as there are instances at home of ruin caused by drunkenness; but opium-smoking being now openly practised, and the denunciation of secrecy removed, the strong feeling against it no longer exists, and though you will find total abstinence to denounce it as the most laudable and abominable of vices, the commonality have come to see that moderately indulged in it is certainly harmless, if not absolutely beneficial, and cases of excess will necessarily recur so long as the tendency of mankind is to overstep the narrow bounds of moderation; but the vice of opium-smoking is gradually diminishing, and as the distinction between the use and abuse of the stimulant is becoming better understood, opium will take the place in China that is held by alcoholic drinks at home—approved by some, condemned by others, and used by all."

This is in effect the view we have given and again expressed, though perhaps not in such a breath-taking sentence. Opium is a stimulant, and cannot, any more than alcohol, be taken in excess without injury; but there are cases in which it has a decidedly beneficial effect, while in all instances when smoked in moderation, as it most frequently is, it does no harm to the smoker. The sooner the absurd fallacies about the consumption of the drug entertained in England are exploded the better for all parties. If the good folk who spend their money and break up a cause about which they know so little, could be induced to throw their surplus energies and devote their spare means to the amelioration of the suffering and want caused by the national vice of drunkenness instead of wasting them in the

attempt to deprive the Chinese of their supply of a luxury which they could not get elsewhere so pure, they would be doing a worthy service for the welfare of their philanthropy.

The German steamer, *Quinta*, Captain Wrange, arrived at Singapore from Hongkong on the 24th inst. The *Quinta* was a passenger ship, and was carrying a large number of passengers. The ship was in good order, and the passengers were all well.

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## POLICE COURT.

2nd April.

Before C. V. CHAMBER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

—Messrs. Montgomery, private in Mr. Major's "Ask Begun," was charged by P.O. 125 with being drunk and incapable in the Queen's Road West. —Ordered to pay his chair hire, and to be discharged.

—George Rowley, private in the 74th Highlanders, was charged with a charge of assault on a woman near the British Hotel. —Ordered to pay his chair hire, and to be discharged.

—Cheung Ah, charged with stealing some silver ornaments from a woman near the British Hotel. —Ordered to pay his chair hire, and to be discharged.

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2nd April.

Before H. G. THOMSON, Esq., B.N.

BRIDGE, CANOE.

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